

Minutes of the MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2017 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillor Coventry (Mayor)
Councillors Alexander, Bald, Betteley, Bint, Brackenbury, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brunning, Buckley, Burke, Cannon, Clancy, Clifton, Crooks, Dransfield, Eastman, Exon, Ferrans, Geaney, A Geary, P Geary, Gifford, Gowans, Green, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Jenkins, Khan, Legg, Long, Marland, D McCall, I McCall, McDonald, McKenzie, McLean, McPake, Middleton, Miles, Morla, Morris, Nolan, O'Neill, Patey-Smith, Petchey, Small, Wales, Walker, Wallis, C Williams, P Williams, C Wilson and K Wilson

Apologies: Councillor Ganatra and Aldermen Bartlett, Beeley, Bristow, E Henderson and Howell and Alderwomen I Henderson, Irons, Lloyd and Saunders

Also Present: 11 members of the public

CL78 MINUTES

That the Minutes of the special and ordinary meetings of the Council held on 19 October and of the special meeting held on 28 November 2016, be approved and signed by the Mayor as correct records.

CL79 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Bint advised the Council that, in respect of Item 4(d)(iv) (Housing Revenue Account Budget) his employer was a supplier of keys.

Councillor D McCall disclosed a personal interest in respect of Item 1(d) (Health Presentations) as the issue of GP access for homeless people was raised and he worked with a charity which supported homeless people.

CL80 ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Joe Turney

The Mayor congratulated Joe Turney, a 15 year old Wavendon resident who during 2016 won both the British Karting Championship and, in his maiden season in Europe, the Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg Karting Championship for his age group.

The Mayor indicated that he would be sending Joe the Council's congratulations on his achievements and wishing him the best for his future career.

(b) Mayor's Charity Dinner

The Mayor encouraged colleagues to attend his Charity Dinner which was being held at the Redway School on Friday 3 February 2017.

(c) New Year Honours

The Mayor announced the following persons who had been awarded Honours in the Queen's New Year Honours list:

- Mr Malcolm Newsam, latterly the Children's Services Commissioner at Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, an OBE for services to Childcare;
- Mrs Susan Mary Farrington Smith, The Chief Executive of Brain Tumour Research, the British Empire Medal for services to Brain Tumour Research and Awareness Raising;
- Mrs Jean Evelyn Huggan, a volunteer for the Milton Keynes Bereavement Services, the British Empire Medal for services to Bereaved Families; and
- Mr Jason Thelwell, the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive of Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, the Queen's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service.

The Mayor indicated that he would be inviting the honour recipients to attend the Council meeting in February so that the Council might express its congratulations.

CL81

PRESENTATIONS ON HEALTH MATTERS

The Council received presentations from Mr Joe Harrison (Chief Executive, Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust), Mr Matthew Webb (Chief Officer, Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group); and Mr Dominic Cox (Locality Director [South], NHS England). Dr Nicola Smith Chair of the Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group was also in attendance.

Mr Harrison outlined for the Council the increasing demand for services being experienced by the Hospital and the extensive redevelopment programme which would both help the Hospital cope with the increased demand and enhance the services available.

Mr Cox and Mr Webb referred to the increased investment for GP services which would provide additional medical and support staff; improved information Technology and supporting infrastructure; increased opening hours for practices; extended out of hours services from local clinical hubs; and different care models such as the Multi Community Provider Contract.

Mr Cox and Mr Webb outlined the results of the 2016 GP Patient Survey which showed a 2.2% increase in satisfaction from the previous year.

Mr Cox and Mr Webb also provided a detailed response to the recommendations in the Council's GP Access Task and Finish Group report.

Mr Cox, Mr Harrison and Mr Webb then answered questions from councillors. In addition to the information provided as part of the presentations it was noted that:

- (a) growth projections were based on public health data for Milton Keynes and its surrounding catchment area;
- (b) the Hospital was working internally to improve its procedures and with primary care and community services to provide additional capacity to improve the timely discharge of appropriate patients;
- (c) there were no plans to reduce the services available at the Hospital, although elective day operations might be provided at other hospitals due to availability and capacity at Milton Keynes Hospital;
- (d) it was planned to be able to offer women a greater range of birth options, including home births, in the near future;
- (e) the Strategic Transformation Plan was most unlikely to impact on the planned developments at the Hospital as the majority of the necessary funds were in place;
- (f) a range of measures were being instigated to assist the recruitment of GPs, including different types of contracts;
- (g) the local community had a big role to play in assisting GP recruitment by 'talking up' their local Practices and Milton Keynes, as that might encourage GPs to want to come to Milton Keynes;
- (h) GP time could be freed up if organisations such as the Council did not require GP evidence to support housing applications and the like;
- (i) Milton Keynes Hospital did have considerable parking compared to many hospitals and parking for the first 30 minutes was now free, also as part of the Hospital redevelopment efforts were being made to improve access for public transport;
- (j) efforts were in place to encourage patients to both return unwanted drugs and not seek unnecessary repeat prescriptions, equally medical practitioners were being encouraged to not over prescribe;
- (k) homeless people could register at any Practice, although it was recognised that homeless people were being directed to the Broughton Gate Surgery; and

- (I) the mental health needs of homeless people were recognised and the national lead provider for community mental health services was also the provider for Milton Keynes. A scheme was being piloted in Milton Keynes where a mental health professional was working with the Police, who was able to support homeless individuals when needed.

The Mayor thanked Mr Cox, Mr Harrison and Mr Webb for attending, for their informative presentations and for responding to questions from councillors.

CL82

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Question from Mr D Mortimer to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)

Mr Mortimer asked Councillor Marland why it appeared that Milton Keynes Council had ignored the research on homelessness which would save tax payers money and help to reduce the number of rough sleepers being found dead on the streets and whether he thought Council staff who tried to harm his family's business should be held to account?"

Councillor Marland indicated that in terms of the question about Milton Keynes Council staff he believed that the complaint was currently in the hands of an Independent Adjudicator, it having already been investigated by a member of the Council's staff. With regard to the homelessness suggestions, Councillor Marland agreed to ask officer colleagues to look at them again.

Councillor Marland also expressed the view that no member of the Council's staff should receive threats of violence or intimidation from members of the public.

Mr Mortimer, by way of a supplementary question insisted that he had not threatened anyone and all he had been asking for was for someone to look at the evidence.

Councillor Marland reiterated that as far as he was aware the matter was with an Independent Adjudicator and therefore he had nothing further to add.

CL83

THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Councillor Brackenbury moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Budget Scrutiny Committee held on 15 September 2016, which was seconded by Councillor Burke:

"That the Council be requested to consider the establishment of a small Public Realm / minor capital works fund for each Councillor (similar to the Ward Based Budget Scheme) to spend in their Ward, or to consider expanding the existing Ward Based Budget Scheme to include such items."

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12(d), Councillor R Bradburn moved and Councillor Eastman seconded that the recommendation from the Budget Scrutiny Committee be referred to the Cabinet.

On being put to the vote the procedural motion was declared carried unanimously.

RESOLVED -

That the following matter be referred to the Cabinet for consideration as part of its considerations of the 2017/18 Budget:

"That the Council be requested to consider the establishment of a small Public Realm / minor capital works fund for each Councillor (similar to the Ward Based Budget Scheme) to spend in their Ward, or to consider expanding the existing Ward Based Budget Scheme to include such items."

CL84

COUNCIL TAX BASE AND BUSINESS RATE BASELINE 2017/18 (LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME)

Councillor Middleton moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8 November 2016, which was seconded by Councillor Marland:

"That the Council adopt for 2017/18 the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme, as adopted by the Council on 13 January 2016, with amendments that reflect changes to related benefits and to the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) Regulations; retaining the delegation to the Corporate Director Resources to make technical legislative changes".

The Council heard from one member of the public during consideration of this matter.

On being put to the vote the recommendation was declared carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That the Council adopt for 2017/18 the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme, as adopted by the Council on 13 January 2016, with amendments that reflect changes to related benefits and to the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) Regulations; retaining the delegation to the Corporate Director Resources to make technical legislative changes.

CL85

LGSS – INVEST TO SAVE

Councillor Middleton moved the following recommendation from the delegated decision taken on 20 December 2016, which was seconded by Councillor Marland:

- "1. That, subject to local approval by Northampton Borough Council (NBC) / LGSS partners, the Council be recommended to agree to the creation of a new Joint Committee for Revenues and Benefits.

2. That upon establishment of the Joint Committee, the Council appoints a member to represent Milton Keynes Council on the Revenues and Benefits Joint Committee."

On being put to the vote the recommendation was declared carried with 48 councillors voting in favour, 0 councillors voting against and 7 councillors abstaining.

RESOLVED -

1. That, subject to local approval by Northampton Borough Council (NBC) / LGSS partners, the Council be recommended to agree to the creation of a new Joint Committee for Revenues and Benefits.
2. That upon establishment of the Joint Committee, the Council appoints a member to represent Milton Keynes Council on the Revenues and Benefits Joint Committee.

CL86

WALTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Gifford moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 3 January 2017, which was seconded by Councillor Jenkins:

"That the Walton Neighbourhood Plan be made pursuant to the provisions of Section 38(A)(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004."

On being put to the vote the recommendation was declared carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That the Walton Neighbourhood Plan be made pursuant to the provisions of Section 38(A)(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

CL87

MILTON KEYNES MINERALS LOCAL PLAN PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

Councillor Gifford moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 3 January 2017, which was seconded by Councillor Marland and on which a recorded vote was requested:

"That the schedule of Proposed Modifications to the Minerals Local Plan be approved for publication for a six week public consultation."

The voting was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Alexander, Betteley, Brackenbury, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Burke, Cannon, Clifton, Coventry, Crooks, Eastman, Exon, Ferrans, Gifford, Gowans, Khan, Legg, Long, Marland, D McCall, I McCall, McKenzie, McPake, Middleton, Miles, Nolan, O'Neill, Petchey, Wales, Wallis, C Williams, P Williams, C Wilson and K Wilson (34)

AGAINST: Councillors Bint, Dransfield, A Geary, P Geary, Hosking, McLean, Morris and Small (8)

ABSTENTIONS: Councillors Bald, Brunning, Buckley, Clancy, Geaney, Green, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Jenkins, McDonald, Morla, Patey-Smith and Walker (13)

The recommendation was declared carried.

RESOLVED -

That the schedule of Proposed Modifications to the Minerals Local Plan be approved for publication for a six week public consultation.

CL88

CHANGES TO THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

Councillor Middleton moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 3 January 2017, which was seconded by Councillor Marland:

"That the opt-in to the sector led body (Public Sector Audit Appointments) for the national procurement of external auditors be approved and ultimately the Council's external auditors from 2018/19, which is the Audit Committee's recommended approach."

On being put to the vote the recommendation was declared carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

That the opt-in to the sector led body (Public Sector Audit Appointments) for the national procurement of external auditors be approved and ultimately the Council's external auditors from 2018/19, which is the Audit Committee's recommended approach.

CL89

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2017/18

Councillor Long moved the following recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 3 January 2017, which was seconded by Councillor O'Neill:

1. That the Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budget for 2017/18 be adopted.
2. That the Housing Revenue Account Dwelling Rent 2017/18, being a 1% reduction and an average decrease of 89p per week, be agreed.
3. That the Housing Revenue Account fees and charges for 2017/18 be set in accordance with the Income and Collection Policy, apart from the proposed exceptions as set out in Annex E of the report."

On being put to the vote the recommendation was declared carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budget for 2017/18 be adopted.
2. That the Housing Revenue Account Dwelling Rent 2017/18, being a 1% reduction and an average decrease of 89p per week, be agreed.
3. That the Housing Revenue Account fees and charges for 2017/18 be set in accordance with the Income and Collection Policy, apart from the proposed exceptions as set out in Annex E of the report.

CL90

COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

- (a) Question from Councillor Jenkins to Councillor Long (Cabinet member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults)

Councillor Jenkins asked Councillor Long if he could look into what appeared to be a reluctance from care providers to offer care packages to residents of Woburn Sands and to also investigate whether this was a problem in other areas of the Borough.

Councillor Long, recognising that there were problems with provision of home care services in some of the more rural areas of the Borough, indicated that he would ask officer colleagues to review the provision in Woburn Sands.

Councillor Long also outlined the intentions for the provision of home care services going forward, which included dividing the Borough into geographical areas and organising 4 or 5 care providers, including a Council provided service, for each area from which residents would be able to choose.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Jenkins expressed concern that it appeared that care providers were telling the Council a range of services they would provide, but what they were actually willing to provide was different and she hoped that this could be addressed through the recommissioning process.

Councillor Long indicated that with the forthcoming changes to how home care services would be offered, he hoped to ensure that residents were able to both live independently and to have a choice of high quality care providers, including the Council. The key role for the Council was to ensure that the services on offer were of a high standard.

- (b) Question from Councillor Brackenbury to Councillor A Geary (Chair of the Development Control Committee)

Councillor Brackenbury, referring to enforcement action which was taken by the Council against a premises in Stony Stratford, which the Council lost on appeal, asked Councillor A Geary what lessons had been learned by both councillors and officer colleagues who were involved in the decision.

Councillor A Geary indicated that he was unable to speak for officer colleagues, but he would ask the Head of Development Management to provide a written response. With regard to councillors, recognising that there were probably lessons to be learnt, Councillor Geary undertook to request the Head of Development Management to bring forward a report to the Development Control Committee setting out what he believed went wrong.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Brackenbury, referring to the new Enforcement Policy, asked Councillor A Geary if he believed the new policy would ensure that the limited resources available for enforcement action were used most effectively.

Councillor A Geary indicated that he was not aware of a new Enforcement Policy being adopted. However, the Development Control Committee had seen a draft of a revised Enforcement Policy some time ago and had, at that time, suggested a number of amendments which the Committee had still to consider.

- (c) Question from Councillor Betteley to Councillor Nolan (Cabinet member for Children and Families)

Councillor Betteley asked Councillor Nolan for an update on Key Stage 2 results for Milton Keynes.

Councillor Nolan indicated that performance at Key Stage 2 had improved and was now better than the National average, the South East average and that of similar local authorities, placing Milton Keynes in the top third of councils in England.

Councillor Nolan also indicated that performance had improved for both Early Years and GCSE.

Councillor Nolan congratulated all involved in achieving the improved performance.

- (d) Question from Councillor P Geary to Councillor Middleton (Cabinet member for Resources and Innovation)

Councillor P Geary asked Councillor Middleton why 159 Ramsons Avenue, Conniburrow had not been brought back into the housing stock despite being vacated over two years ago.

Councillor Middleton indicated that, while not being familiar with the case, the Administration was committed to bringing as many properties back into use for housing as possible. With regard to this particular property Councillor Middleton undertook to investigate the matter and ensure that a written response was provided.

As a supplementary question, Councillor P Geary, asked Councillor Middleton to investigate whether other properties owned by the Council which were currently vacant could be converted to housing use to help address the current housing shortage.

Councillor Middleton, recognising the need to use suitable Council's assets to the maximum, indicated his support for this approach.

- (e) Question from Councillor I McCall to Councillor Bald (Leader of the Conservative Group)

Councillor I McCall asked Councillor Bald if she agreed with the recent statement from the Chair of the Local Government Association that the Government was not allocating sufficient monies to support adult social care.

Councillor Bald indicated that she did.

As a supplementary question, Councillor I McCall asked Councillor Bald if she was willing to contact the local Members of Parliament with a request that they support additional spending for adult social care on behalf of Milton Keynes.

Councillor Bald indicated that the local Members of Parliament had been approached in this respect on a number of occasions.

- (f) Question from Councillor P Williams to Councillor Long (Cabinet member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults)

Councillor P Williams asked Councillor Long if he thought the Council should adopt the additional Social Care Precept.

Councillor Long, stating his concerns that funding for adult social care was not addressed in the Government's Autumn Statement, indicated that he expected an additional 3% precept for adult social care to raise £2m over the next two years. However, the Government would then be removing an estimated £2.14m from the Council's Budget in 2019/20.

Councillor Long expressed the view that the Council had an obligation to consult with residents and interested parties on the potential for the additional precept, which he believed to be an opportunity to improve adult social care services. Councillor Long indicated that the Administration would bring forward proposals on the additional precept as part of the Budget 2017/18.

- (g) Question from Councillor Bald to Councillor Legg (Cabinet member for Customer Services)

Councillor Bald, referring to an example from a resident who had reported a failed street light on numerous occasions, asked Councillor Legg how the Council's online reporting system, which it was reported had won awards, could be failing residents so badly.

Councillor Legg indicated that work was ongoing to improve both the reporting system and the service response times. Councillor Legg undertook to discuss the general issues raised by Councillor Bald, including honouring commitments made to residents with the Head of Customer Service. Councillor Legg reported that monthly feedback reports indicated that the system was improving.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Bald, expressing concerns at the number of complaints received about the reporting system, asked Councillor Legg if he would take personal responsibility for improving the system.

Councillor Legg indicated that significant improvements had been made to the system.

- (h) Question from Councillor A Geary to Councillor Gifford (Cabinet member for Place)

Councillor A Geary, noting that the proposals forming Plan:MK had been developed by a working group of councillors, but not involving a Conservative Group representative, asked Councillor Gifford if she would liaise with the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee to arrange a full public scrutiny of the papers considered by the working group and the advice given to her as the responsible Cabinet member in advance of the Cabinet's consideration of the draft Plan:MK on 21 February 2017.

Councillor Gifford indicated she had every wish for the process to be open and transparent. The working group was only acting in an advisory capacity commenting on papers being brought forward by officer colleagues, helping them to refine their proposals. While indicating that she welcomed an open and transparent process, Councillor Gifford recognised that the process also needed to be practical and allow the vast quantity of work to be done expeditiously. Councillor Gifford drew attention to the 12 week consultation period which would follow the Cabinet meeting on 21 February 2017.

As a supplementary question Councillor A Geary, expressing his concerns that the current process was not open and transparent, ask Councillor Gifford why the draft Plan:MK was not being taken through the Council's public scrutiny process.

Councillor Gifford reiterated that the working group was only advisory and was not making decisions on behalf of the Council. The Cabinet's decision would be the subject to the scrutiny of the public consultation.

- (i) Question from Councillor Dransfield to Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm)

Councillor Dransfield, referring to an ongoing flooding problem in London Road, Loughton which had resulted in the flooding of a number of properties over a considerable length of time, asked Councillor Gowans if he was aware of the matter and what he was going to do about it.

Councillor Gowans indicated that he was aware of both the drainage capacity problems faced by many of the older areas of the Borough and the specific problems in London Road, Loughton. With regard to the general capacity problem, Councillor Gowans recognised that with predicted increased rainfall caused by climate change the problems were only likely to get worse.

Councillor Gowans undertook to liaise with officer colleagues as to the best way forward with regard to flooding problems in London Road, Loughton.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Dransfield asked Councillor Gowans if he, the Corporate Director - Place and the Chief Executive would undertake a site visit to enable them to have a full understanding of the problems being faced by the residents.

Councillor Gowans indicated that the Council was only one of many authorities involved with flooding issues. Councillor Gowans reiterated that he would liaise with officer colleagues as to the best way forward.

- (j) Question from Councillor Bint to Councillor Gifford (Cabinet member for Place)

Councillor Bint asked for clarification as to who was the Cabinet member and officer colleague responsible for the impact on the community of parking problems at local centres in his Ward.

Councillor Gifford indicated that in the first instance an officer colleague from the parking team should be approached as there might be physical measures possible to improve the parking situation.

CL91

**CAMBRIDGE - MILTON KEYNES - OXFORD CORRIDOR:
INTERIM REPORT OF THE NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMISSION**

Councillor Crooks moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Ferrans:

- “1. That this Council welcomes wholeheartedly the ambition for Milton Keynes as a part of a Cambridge - Milton Keynes - Oxford corridor demonstrated in the recently published Interim report of the National Infrastructure Commission.
2. That the Council refers the report to the Administration with a request that its recommendations be fully incorporated in the forthcoming First Draft of the new Local Plan (Plan:MK) with particular regard to the need for more housing, a joined up strategy linking infrastructure and homes, the completion of the east/west rail link, the need to generate a step change in transport options into CMK and the development of an Oxford - Cambridge Expressway.
3. That the Council also recognises the need to co-ordinate economic and spatial planning across current local government boundaries through the development of new joint governance arrangements.”

The Council heard from two members of the public during consideration of the motion.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried unanimously.

RESOLVED -

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3. That the Council also recognises the need to co-ordinate economic and spatial planning across current local government boundaries through the development of new joint governance arrangements.

CL92

MILTON KEYNES' 50TH BIRTHDAY

Councillor Walker moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Gifford:

- “1. That this Council, in celebrating Milton Keynes' 50th Birthday, wishes to recognise the people who have played a significant role in the development of this amazing city, and notes that:

- (a) Milton Keynes was not just built by bricks and mortar but by the people who had a passion to build something new, something different, something special and most importantly something that built and bound communities together; and
 - (b) building Milton Keynes required not only forward thinking architects and planners but also community activists, teachers, nurses, students, entrepreneurs, sportsmen and sportswomen, charity workers, politicians, business leaders and many other outstanding individuals.
2. That the Council in acknowledging this and recognising the exceptional contribution that some people have made to make Milton Keynes such a special place, asks the Leader and Cabinet Member responsible to:
- (a) launch a set of awards named 'MK MASTERS' to mark this milestone in our history that will promote the outstanding contributions of the many people who have given their all to build the City and our communities; and
 - (b) set up a cross party panel that includes, but is not limited to, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and a Senior Officer who will act apolitically as the steering group for the award; the terms of reference for the panel will be to:
 - (i) Set the categories for MK MASTERS' AWARDS and open nominations;
 - (ii) Invite sponsorship from the business community;
 - (iii) Plan an awards ceremony;
 - (iv) To sift nominations and choose the successful candidates; and
 - (v) To put in place a policy so that when Milton Keynes reaches other milestones in the future the Council can again recognise those that have made a positive impact on the City."

In moving the motion Councillor Walker indicated that he would have no objection to the cross party panel amending the name for the awards to one which better reflected their intent.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried with 47 councillors voting in favour, 0 councillors voting against and 7 councillors abstaining.

RESOLVED -

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 - (iv) To sift nominations and choose the successful candidates; and
 - (v) To put in place a policy so that when Milton Keynes reaches other milestones in the future the Council can again recognise those that have made a positive impact on the City.

CL93

LEADERS EXECUTIVE SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Council received the revised version of the Leader's Executive Scheme of Delegation, noting that Councillor Gifford no longer had "Economic Development" listed in her portfolio as this area was now part of the Leader's responsibilities.

The Council also noted that the Leader had recently delegated the following authorities on a one off basis:

- (a) Councillor Gifford to make a decision on the sale of the Council Car Park adjacent to the Agora, Wolverton on 25 October 2016 and 29 November 2016; and
- (b) Councillor Middleton to defer consideration of the disposal of 10 Bryans Crescent, North Crawley on 20 December 2016.

It was reported that the Leader had also decided to take the decision relating to the nomination of The Suffolk Punch Public House as an Asset of Community Value himself on 19 December 2016.

CL94

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

The Council, noting the resignation of Councillor R Bradburn from the Health and Wellbeing Board and the resignation of Councillor Jenkins from the Housing and Community Committee, considered confirming Councillor D McCall and P Geary respectively as replacements.

RESOLVED -

That the appointment of Councillor D McCall to replace Councillor R Bradburn as a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the appointment of Councillor P Geary to replace Councillor Jenkins as a member of the Housing and Community Committee be confirmed.

CL95

WARD BASED BUDGETS

The Council noted that for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 December 2016, Ward Based Budget applications totalling £15,635 had been approved.

CL96

QUARTERLY REPORT ON SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS

In accordance with Access to Information Procedure Rule 17.4, the Council noted that the Provisions for Special Urgency, as set out in Access to Information Procedure Rule 16, and Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16(j) were used twice during the period 1 September 2016 to 31 December 2016 in respect of:

- (a) the decision to submit an offer to purchase the Network Rail Quadrant Car Park, Elder Gate, Central Milton Keynes as a result of the short notice given by the vendor; and
- (b) termination of the contract for the operation of the Materials Recycling Facility.

THE MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 10:42 PM